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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Is this the EVANGELIST in its new "dress?" will no doubt be asked by all who receive this sheet. In answer to this anticipated question, we will say *no*, certainly not. Then what means this four-page paper? Let us explain: A mishap to the large press compels us to issue this small edition on the job press. We are crowding as much church news into these few pages as possible, as this kind of matter decreases in value with age, while essays, sermons and regular contributed matter can be held over. We must ask our patrons to be patient with us in these circumstances. We want to be honest with our customers and give them full value for their money. Every subscriber is entitled to fifty numbers of the EVANGELIST each year. So far *three* full numbers have been issued. This is No. 4, and to make up for its deficiency in size we will issue in good time an *extra Easter number*, that is, besides the regular weekly edition, there will be an *additional* number the week before Easter. This number will be illustrated, printed on fine paper, and made up principally of Easter contributions. As to the paper in its new "dress," we have met with so many disappointments, that we forbear to make any promises, but this we will say: *When you take your next week's paper out of the office, give some attention to its appearance.*

WE rejoice with our brethren in the glorious news that comes from different portions of the brotherhood. Many souls are being converted.

WE have on hand some excellent contributions for the next two or three papers.

EVERYTHING is moving along nicely at the College.

MR. PHILLIPS conducts a model school of shorthand and typewriting, where the training is thorough from start to finish. Teaching shorthand is not an experiment with him.

Church News.

KANEMORADO ITEMS.

We are in the midst of a glorious revival at Portis, Kansas. Such an awakening I never experienced in a community as here at this time. The meetings have been in progress since Dec. 19th and will continue over next Sunday, Jan. 21. Then we go to the country for one week, will then return and close the work. We baptized four on Jan. 7, seven on Jan. 10, and will baptize seven more to-morrow; altogether have received twenty. "Praise the Lord." Will send a full report when meetings close.

J. R. KELLER.

FROM BASSETT, NEB.

We have had a very pleasant winter so far, a God-send to the many poor people who have had two failures of crops. Many car loads of provisions have been received and distributed, and many more will be needed. We are not only in need of temporal things, but in spiritual things some are dying for the want of the bread of life. The G. B. Brethren hold meetings here about four times a year, but we are not of them. We would like to have ministers come and hold meetings for us. There is a large field open here for Missionary work. Of all the religious papers, I think the EVANGELIST stands at the head. It is the only preacher we can rely on in this part of God's moral vineyard. We are away from the church but we can have communion with Jesus. If God is willing we shall organize a Sunday School in the early spring, and expect to use the Brethren Sunday School literature. If some minister in Neb. could come out here in the spring, my wife and I should like very much to join with the church of our choice and help the cause of Zion along. Your brother in the hope of eternal life.

Jan. 13.

W. L. BOYED.

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I am now ready to hold protracted services anywhere I am called to. A reasonable compensation will be expected.

S. W. WILT.

OLD DOMINION.

Since our last we organized a congregation at Quicksburg, Va., with 26 members on the roll. S. A. Wine was ordained deacon. Quicksburg is about four miles from New Market, a town on the Valley Pike, and the place where the battle between Gen. Breckenridge and Sheridan was fought in 1864. I preached in the latter place about one week. None of our people have had service here, and we were quite new. Most all the town are connected with some Pedobaptist Church. Our meetings grew in interest, but when the mercury dropped below zero and the waters were sealed by six inches of ice, we thought best to go into winter quarters, to renew the battle when the snow and ice are gone and mercury gets to its normal condition.

The prospects for another congregation to be formed are very flattering in this historical town. Some of the best people have assured us of their determination to take the Gospel alone path. Whatever success we may have will be due to the perseverance of Bro. Fogle and wife, at whose earnest solicitations these efforts have been made. They have only enlisted last fall in the Brethren Church, and now will gather a congregation of Bible people at this place, where we thought was no use of spending time. If our isolated members would put forth their efforts, and the church be willing to let her ministers go out into the wilderness and hold up the banner of Jesus occasionally, we could do much more for the cause of Christ and his kingdom on earth.

E. B. SHAFER.

FROM HOMERSVILLE.

We are having good meetings with the very best of interest. The weather is very inclement, but we will continue for a while yet. One came out on the Lord's side, while many others ought to make the good confession. Brother Jacobs is a faithful minister and is laboring hard to show the sinner the error of his way, and pointing out the way to glory. He is a gospel-alone preacher and deserves success.

Jan. 12.

L. S.